

*Reasons humbly offered to the Honourable the House
of COMMONS, why new Impositions
should not be laid upon Brass-Wire and Tin-
Plates.*

I. IT will greatly prejudice the Woollen Manufacture, which is sent out for these Commodities; especially from *Yorkshire*, no Money being paid for Brass Wire, but Cloth, and other Woollen Manufactures only; which, by this new Imposition, will, in all probability, be discouraged, or prohibited by the King of *Sweden*: As it happened in *Portugal*, upon our laying a great Imposition upon *Lisbon-Sugars*, that Government prohibiting *English Cloth*: So that whereas there was before that 50000*l.* in Cloth sent yearly thither, there has not been since one Cloth sold.

II. Because there is none of either of those Commodities made in *England*, therefore it cannot be any Encouragement to our own Manufacturies.

III. It will greatly impoverish, if not quite ruin two considerable Handy-Crafts, Pin-makers, and Tin-plate-workers: And the great quantities of Pins and Tin Wares, which are now daily exported, will by this Advance be obstructed, and our foreign Trade put into the Hands of the *Dutch*; more Tin-Ware being exported than is used in *England*.